

Amendments to the claims:

CLAIMS

1. (original) A process for purification of optically impure Ramipril to obtain Ramipril(I) having optical purity of at least 99.9 %, which comprises crystallizing optically impure Ramipril from an organic solvent selected from nitromethane, dimethoxymethane, diethoxymethane, and 2,2, -dimethoxy propane and mixtures thereof .
2. (original) The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the organic solvent is diethoxymethane.
3. (original) A monohydrate of Ramipril(I), characterized by the following X-ray powder diffraction pattern

| Diffraction angle <u>2 θ</u> | Relative Intensity (%) |
|---|---------------------------|
| 8.7 | 16 |
| 9.2 | 3 |
| 9.4 | 3 |
| 9.7 | 3 |
| 11.2 | 81 |
| 11.6 | 33 |
| 12.2 | 66 |
| 14.54 | 96 |
| 15.7 | 70 |
| 18.0 | 51 |
| 19.7 | 81 |
| 24.5 | 49 |
| 24.8 | 30 |

4. (original) The Ramipril(I) monohydrate as claimed in claim 3 having an X-ray diffractogram, or substantially the same X-ray diffractogram, as set out in Figure 1a.
5. (original) The Ramipril(I) monohydrate as claimed in claim 3 having DSC thermogram as described in Fig. 1c.
6. (original) The Ramipril(I) monohydrate as claimed in claim 3 having TGA thermogram as described in Fig. 1d.

7. (original) A process for preparation of Ramipril(I) monohydrate comprising of crystallizing optically impure Ramipril from a mixture of water and water-immiscible solvents.
8. (original) The process claimed in claim 7 wherein the ratio of water-immiscible solvent to water is in the range from 2 to 98% w/w.
9. (original) The process as claimed in claim 8 wherein the said water-immiscible solvent is selected from an aliphatic ester, an acetal, a hydrocarbon or a mixture thereof.
10. (original) The process as claimed in claim 8 wherein the said water-immiscible solvent is selected from diisopropyl ether, diethoxymethane, 2,2-dimethoxy propane, cyclohexane, methyl isobutyl ketone and ethyl acetate or a mixture thereof.
11. (original) A process for preparation of Ramipril(I) monohydrate comprising of crystallizing optically pure Ramipril(I) from water.
12. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective ACE inhibitory amount of Ramipril(I) monohydrate as claimed in ~~any preceding claims~~ claim 3, together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, diluents or excipients thereof.